

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the captioned application.

The Examiner has required a restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372. Applicants elect to prosecute, without traverse, the invention of Group I, namely claims 1-17. Applicants submit that while claims 16 and 17 are not included in Group I by the Examiner, they depend on claim 15, and therefore form part of the elected group.

Applicants hereby withdraw the non-elected claims 18-28. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected groups in one or more divisional applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in allowable form and earnestly solicit the allowance of the claims 1-17. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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